(Rs. in lakhs

Year	CCIL	NBCIL
1985-86	(—) 819	(—) 647
1986-87	(—) 1035	(—) 587 (Prov.)
1987-88	(—) 1210 (Prov.)	(—) 662 (Prov.)

The losses are due to various reasons such as, old and outdated machinery, surplus manpower, poor liquidity position, high cost of production etc.

Government has been extending financial assistance to these companies on a yearly basis such as plan and non-plan loans for replacement of machinery and working capital needs, increase in bank credit backed by Government guarantee etc. These measures have enabled the companies to carry on with their current operations but the liability inherited by them and the resultant low level of production coupled with high costs has impeded their operations on a viable basis.

Appointment to the post of Chief Managing Director of Coal India Ltd.

699. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the "Coalfield Times" dated the 4th April, 1988 regarding appointment to the post of Chief Managing Director of Coal India Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news items, originating from Dhanbad, dated April 4, 1988. alleges *inter* alia that the panel prepared by the Public Enterprises Selection Board on 28-8-87 for appointments against the posts of Chairman-cum-Managing Directors of the subsidiary coal companies was influenced by payment of money by contractors having vested interest in the coal industry. The news item further alleges that Shri G. C. Mrig, who also finds a place in the panel, has been recnetly charge-sheeted to stand a criminal trial by the local police. It is also mentioned that Shri Mrig has been instrumental in suppressing these facts with a view to getting vigilance clearance for his appointment as Chairman-cum-Managing Director. There is also a refernece regarding an alleged interview fixed on 10-4-1988 to select a Chairman for the Coal India Limited.

It is a fact that a criminal case for certain offences was filed against Shri Mrig by the local police against which he has obtained a stay order from the High Court. It is also a fact that Shri G. C. Mrig has been empanelled by the Public Enterprises Selection Board for appointment in Schedule 'B' scale of pay which also includes appointment as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of a subsidiary coal company. Government has taken no decision as yet to appoint him as Chairman-cum-Managing Director. There is also no truth in the news item that an interview was fixed on 10-4-1988 to select a Chairman for the Coal India Limited.

Bilateral Assistance in the Field of Power Projects

700 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few countries have offered bilateral assistance in the

field of hydro-electric and thermal power projects;

(b) if so, what are the details of the countries and the names of the projects for which assistance is solicited and the details of the assistance received; and

(c) whether the assistance solicited is in the form of technology or monetary or both?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Offers of bilateral assistance for hydroelectric and thermal power projects have been received from a number of countries including the USSR, UK, Canada, Sweden, France Japan Federal Republic of Germany, Yugoslavia, German Democratic Republic and Poland. The offers include financial assistance, Government to Government credits for supply of equipment, execution of power projects on a turn-key basis, and providing consultancy and other srevices. Proposals in respect of external assistance for individual projects are examined on merits, on case to case basis, keeping in view the overall national interest

The following generation projects are under implementation with bilateral assistance:

Name of the Project	Name of Country	Amount of Credit assistance (approx)
1. Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project(Stage-I)	USSR	Roubles 352 million
2. Kahalgaon TPS	USSR	Roubles 250 million
3. Tehri Hydroelecrtic Project	USSR	Roubles 1090 million
4. Chamera Hydroelectric Project (Stage-I)	C nada	Canadian Dollars 648.4 million
5. Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project (Stage-II)	FRG	DM575 million (Co-financing)
6. Korba Super Thermal Power Project (Stage-II)	FRG	
7. Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II)	FRG	
8. Rihand Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I	UK	£ 461 million.

The projects for which bilateral offers of assistance are under scrutiny include the Dulhasti, Uri and Chamera (Stage-II) hydroelectric projects and the gas based combined cycle project at Dadri.